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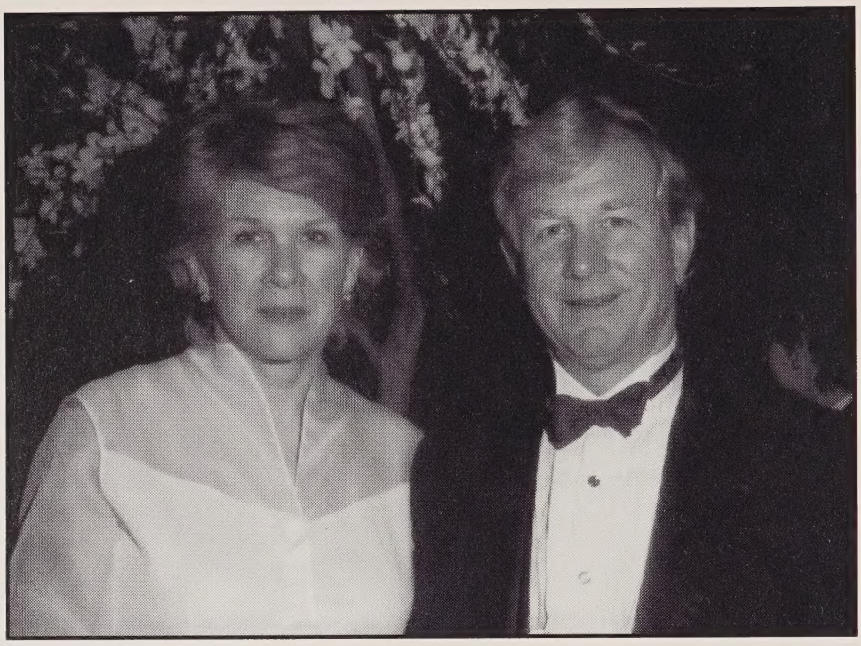
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Historic Hope Foundation

Windsor, North Carolina

May 3, 2003



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It is our pleasure to welcome you tonight to this our sixteenth Hope Ball.

As we celebrate the Governor Stone Bicentennial Ball, we honor Historic Hope Foundation and its original commitment for the restoration and effort to educate this and future generations of our past.

We owe our sincere appreciation to all our committee members and other volunteers for their time and resources. We appreciate the support of our advertisers and especially Dominion and Kelly's Restaurant for their generosity in helping underwrite the Ball.

We hope you have a wonderful evening and we appreciate your support in being a part of Hope Ball, the funds from which are instrumental in making Hope's committment a reality.

Most sincerely,

Marcia and Charlie Griffin
Co-Chairs, Hope Ball 2003

Saturday, May 3, 2003

6:30 pm Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and Jazz
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8:30 pm Dinner and Dancing

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with great pleasure and appreciation that we welcome you to the 2003 Governor Stone Bicentennial Ball. Everybody connected with Hope has been eagerly anticipating the revival of this ball. We applaud the tireless efforts of Marcia and Charlie Griffin, co-chairmen, and their committee.

It has been thirty years since the restored Hope mansion was opened to the people of North Carolina as a place in which they could learn about and admire the workmanship of past generations. But the story of saving and renovating Hope started long before that, with a lot of hard work and a vision of what could be achieved. Without you - your gifts, your support, and the valuable time you have given - HistoricHope Foundation could not have become what it is toady.

Your support of our preservation projects has allowed Historic Hope Foundation to continue expanding its interpretation of the rich history of northeastern North Carolina. We have recently completed the rebuilding of the Hope kitchen, considered by preservationists to be one of the most authentic reconstructions of its kind. Its presence allows us to give the public a greater sesne of the structures that made up a functioning plantation and the kinds of work that are required to support it. Developing research continues to add to our knowledge and our interpretation.

As we comemorate Hope's first two hundred years and look forward to the future, we renew our commitment to the preservation of this remarkable place. Tonight's ball is a celebration of all that has been accomplished here. Please accept my best wishes for a more pleasnt evening.

John C.P. Tyler
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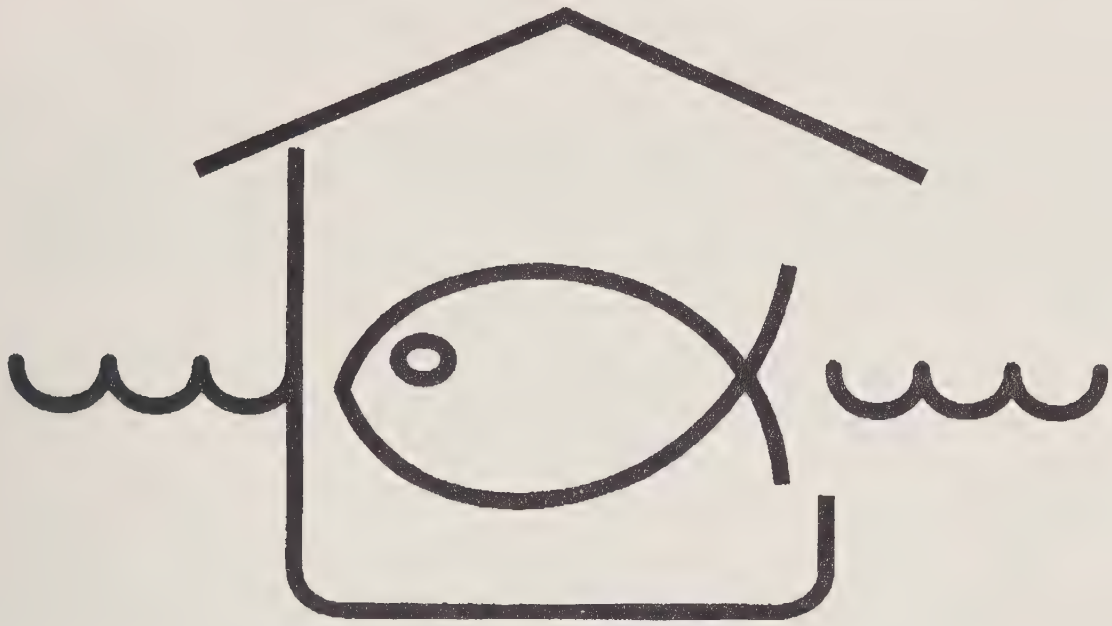
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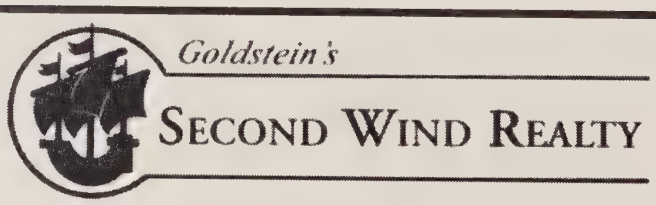
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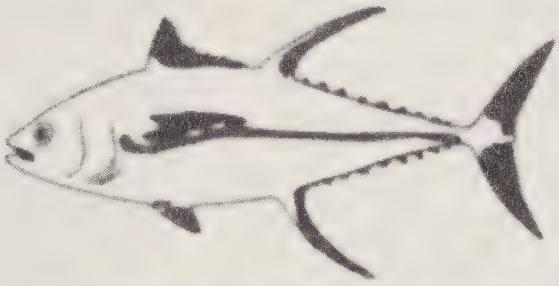
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David Stone was born at Hope in 1770 - the eve of the American Revolution. He reached maturity as his country was coming into being. He graduated from Princeton in 1789, first in his class and returned home to study law under William R. Davie at Halifax. That same year, at age 19, he was a Bertie County delegate at the Constitutional Convention in Fayetteville and voted for ratification of the Constitution.

With his position and education it was natural that he was interested in politics and the governance of our new country. He represented Bertie County in the North Carolina General Assembly and at age twenty-five was a Superior Court Judge, the youngest judge yet elected in North Carolina. He was elected a Representative and then a Senator to the United States Congress. The North Carolina Legislature elected him Governor for two terms 1808-1810. Later he represented Bertie County in the General Assembly and then again in the U.S. Senate. For twenty-three years, from 1789 to 1813, he held important government positions.

Education was one of the important influences in David Stone's life. He served with William R. Davie on the committee of six which chose the site for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served as a trustee of the University and remained active in the university's development until his death. His interest in learning is exemplified by his extensive library at Hope, over 1400 volumes, one of the largest in the state. As befitting a man of the enlightned age, David Stone's interests ranged from law to agriculture, literature, music and medicine, many volumes printed in Greek and Latin.

When David Stone married Hannah Turner his father deeded him the Hope tract of land "as a gift of affection" and a wedding present. Hannah and David had eleven children, only five which lived to adult-

hood. When Hannah died of fever David was distraught and wrote on a wall inside a bookcase in his library "O for the days when I could gaze at my wife", the writing which is apparent today.

The Stones lived part of the year near Raleigh at their home, Restdale. The property in Wake county together with the Hope plantation totaled over 5000 acres and made David Stone one of the wealthiest men in the state in the early 1800s. On October 7, 1818, at the age of 48, he died suddenly in his sleep after a day in court.

Surely David Stone was one of the most outstanding men in the early days of North Carolina. Somehow he has been buried beneath history and forgotten. When he was alive he was friends with great men such as Thomas Jefferson. His violin, his case of surgical instruments, his electrifying machine, the wide range of his interests - all bespeak of his greatness and he deserves to be remembered.



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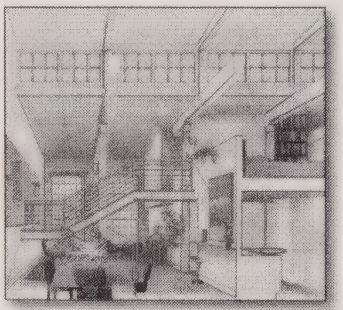
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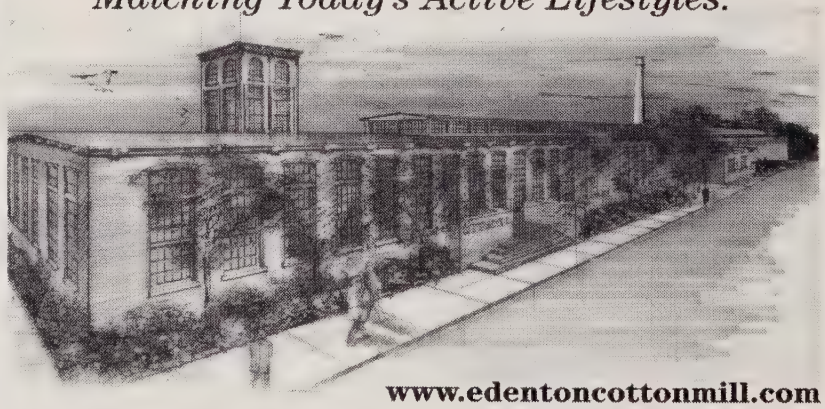
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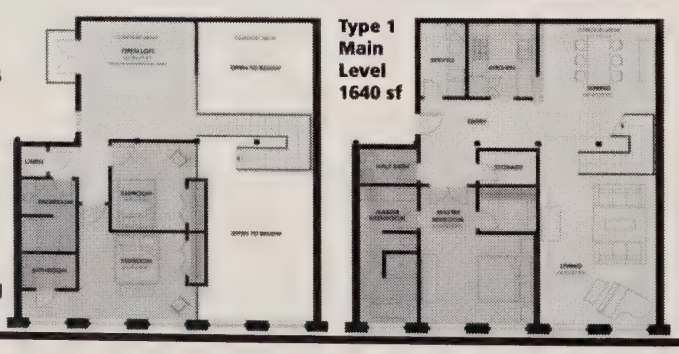


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Throughout its history, the restoration of Historic Hope plantation has been recognized and widely acclaimed as a "grass roots" operation. For years, saving the dilapidated house that stood in the middle of a Bertie County peanut field was seen by many local folks as the unrealistic dream of a few idealists.

The idealists were determined, however, and in 1964, they met together to develop a plan. From this meeting was born Historic Hope Foundation.

As a private non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina, the Foundation could begin to plan for the acquisition and restoration of this historic site. The greatest incentive came in May of 1965 when the Richardson foundation of Greensboro agreed to grant the Foundation $5000 if $15,000 in matching funds could be raised. Letters went out to friends and relatives soliciting memberships and other contributions.

By December 1965, the $15,000 challenge grant was in hand enabling the Foundation to match a $20,000 grant approved by the North Carolina General Assembly.

With these funds, the Foundation was able to purchase the property consisting of the house and 18.12 acres of land for $25,000. The first of four annual payments of $5000 less the option fee of $500 borrowed from the Bertie Historical Society was made in 1966. The first payment of $5000 would be returned to the Foundation as a gift from the owners, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Smith of Windsor.

W.M. Kemp, an experienced restorationist from Hertford, was employed during the winter of 1966 to begin the restoration. Mr. Kemp has been quoted as having said he thought "Hope was the most hopeless thing he had ever seen" when he was first approached about taking the project.

Under the direction of John E. Tyler, chairman of the Restoration Committee and A.L. Honeycutt of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, each detail was carefully worked out, then executed so as to insure authenticity.

Of the early work, Mr. Tyler said, "It is strange, but everything we have done has had a precedent. Three chimneys were gone, but one was left so we could reconstruct the others from it, one fireplace was intact, one sash of a window was found in the basement to serve as a pattern for others, one cellar door with the Dutch hinges was untouched, the railing on the roof was completely gone, but since the Chinese Chippendale balcony railing still existed, we decided to copy it for the roof. Not until Kemp removed a section of roof to install the new railing did we realize that it exactly matched the holes where the earlier one had been."

Although volunteers were heavily involved, professional help was needed. Richard W. Iobst, a professional historian was employed in 1966 to research the Hope Plantation and the Stone family. Later that year the Architectural form of Edwards Dove and Knight of Rocky Mount was engaged to make the plans and designs needed as the restoration progressed.

In 1967 the Foundation received a grant-in-aid of $20,000 from the North Carolina General Assembly. That same year, the Richardson Foundation approved another $5000 challenge grant provided the Foundation could raise an additional $15,000 before December 31, 1968.

Where would the money come from? Bertie County resources were limited and local funding was exhausted. The Governor Stone Ball was born of this great need for funds.

As Wayland Jenkins wrote in an early Souvenir Ball Program, "The Ball was our only hope, a gamble yes, but a great potential as a moneymaker if it could be staged successfully." Some members of the Board of Directors were advocates for a large orchestra, pre-ball parties, a champagne breakfast, handsome invitations, exquisite decorations and formal dress.

Others were less expansive. "Formal dress. Black tie in Bertie County. Who would pay $25.00 a couple to attend something that formal." Fortunately, the big thinkers prevailed and thus was established the Hope Ball tradition.

Mrs. C. Wood Beasley, Jr. of Colerain agreed to serve as Chairman for the Governor Stone Mardi Gras Ball held on February 23, 1968, in the beautifully decorated National Gaurd Armory in Windsor. And come they did, not only the home folks, but people came from all over eastern North Carolina and beyond. The net proceeds of $6500 applied to the cost of a new roof and brick work repair could also be used towards the $15,000 match for the Richardson Foundation Challenge.

The 1970 Governor Stone Mid Winter Ball on January 23 was chaired by Mrs. Norman Freeman Perry of Colerain. The National Gaurd Armory was turned into a winter wonderland. Proceeds from this Ball were applied to the restoration of the Samuel Cox House, a small late 18th Century house which was a gift from the late Mrs. Paul Jilcott and her family. The house was moved to the site from nearby Roxobel and was restored for use as a caretaker's residence.

That same year, volunteers turned their hands to create a lovely event, this time at Hope. A candle light reception honoring Mrs. Ernest L. Ives was held on April 23, Mrs. Ives had been a long-time supporter of Hope and had encouraged the Foundation in some of its boldest efforts. She helped organize the Friends of Hope and had encouraged the Foundation in some of its boldest efforts. She served as Co-Chairman with Wayland L Jenkins, Jr. for many years.

The reception was held in the Hope Mansion. Although repairs to the exterior had been completed and painted, the interior remained untouched. The decorating committee, Hope directors, never had a greater challenge. The county responded in a most posiive way to the appeal for flowers, candles, chicken salad and hundreds of cookies. No money was expended from the Hope treasury. The only professional touch came when noted artist, Francis Speight, agreed to bring his paintings for the walls. Music for the event was provided by Billy Raynor of Ahoskie whose console had to be connected to power from an outside security light.

The Directors dressed in formal gowns. Long tables covered with lace cloths, silver trays laden with fancy sandwiches and cookies, hugh bouquets of fresh flowers and candles galore in silver candlesticks set the stage for one of the most beautiful events ever held in the mansion. A full moon added to the magical quality of the evening that convinced any doubters that the Hope mansion could become beautiful again.

Other events have been planned through the years as development of the site has progressed. The addition of the King-Basemore house, donated by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Cling Darden Basemore, has added a new dimension to the site. The 1763 house, which is of the era of the earlier house occupied by the parents of David stone, adds to the interpretation of agraian life in Bertie County in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

The 2003 Governor Stone Bicentenial Ball is the 16th since the first ball was held in 1968. These balls have been major events, not only as fund raisers. As Marion Gregory wrote in the News and Observer of an early ball, " It is no small dance to raise money. It is the kick off to a county wide hospitality weekend that draws attractive couples throughout eastern North Carolina .

Other Balls have been:

The Governor Stone Anniversary Ball, January 28, 1972, chaired by Mrs. Carroll Gilliam of Windsor with proceeds used to match another Richardson Foundation Grant.

The Governor Stone Garden Ball February 1, 1974, chaired by Mrs. Goodwin Byrd of Windsor to benefit landscaping of the Hope Grounds.

The Governor Stone Bicentennial Ball, January 31, 1976, chaird by Mrs. Joseph Henry Jenkins of Ahoskie to continue restoration and preservation work at Hope Plantation.

The Governor Stone Old Plantation Ball, January 27, 1978, chaired by Mrs. J. Marshall Kilpatrick, Jr. of Windsor to benefit the restoration of the King-Bazemore House.

The Governor Stone Oriental Ball, February 1, 1980, chaired by Mrs. Joseph B. Cherry, Jr. of Windsor. All fund raising efforts were exceeded that year when net proceeds reached $16,000 which was allocated towards maintenance and operation of the plantation.

The Governor Stone Showboat Ball, January 23, 1982, chaired by Mrs. Stephen R. Burch of Windsor.

The Governor Stone Heritage Ball, January 28, 1984, chaired by Mrs. E. Rawls Carter of Powellsville.

The Governor Stone ball of Yesteryear, January 25, 1986, chaired by Mrs. Al G. Baker of Colerain.

The Governor Stone We the People Ball, February 6, 1988, celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Creation of the Constitution in 1787. In 1789 the North Carolina Convention ratified the much debated Federal Constitution. As a delegate to the convention, 19 year old David Stone supported and voted for the constitution of the United States of America.

The Governor Stone Plantation Ball, October 6, 1990, chaired by Mrs. C. Wood Beasley, III and Mrs. Norman F. Perry, Jr. both of Colerain. This was the first ball held under the big white tent on the grounds in front of the Hope Mansion.

The Governor Stone Plantation Garden ball, October 3, 1992, chaired by Ms. Linnie D. Perry, II of Colerain and Mrs. Hunter Wayland Spruill of Windsor.

The Governor Stone Autumn Garden Ball, October 8, 1994, chaired by Mrs. William W. Pritchett, Jr. of Windsor.

The Governor Stone Hunt Ball, October 19, 1996, chaired by Mrs. Jeffrey C. Rose.

Of the 1986 Governor Stone Heritage Ball, Betty Baker wrote in her Ball chairman's greeting, " We are not focusing tonight on a particular time as an event of the past. We are attempting to focus on a feeling that is a part of our past and present and that we trust will be a part of your future.

"The feeling of close friendship that occurs when individuals meet to enjoy each other's company, to promote a mutual interest and to share in the pride and joy of a dream realized is the foundation of this celebration."

That could be said of the 2003 Governor Stone Bicentennial Ball as well. This Ball celebrates the 200th Anniversary of the completion of the Hope mansion which David Stone built for his family. This is a time for us to remember David Stone, the builder, his wife Hannah Turner and their young children, the folks that labored here with them and the dreamers who had the vision to restore and preserve what we know today as Historic Hope Plantation.



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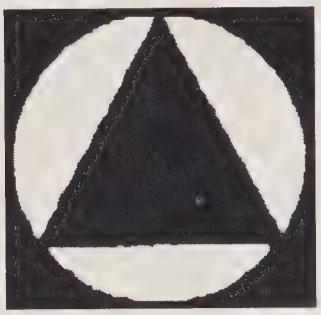
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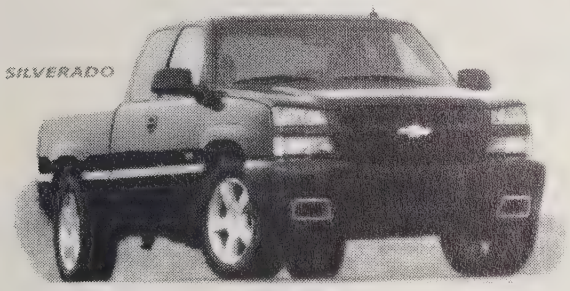
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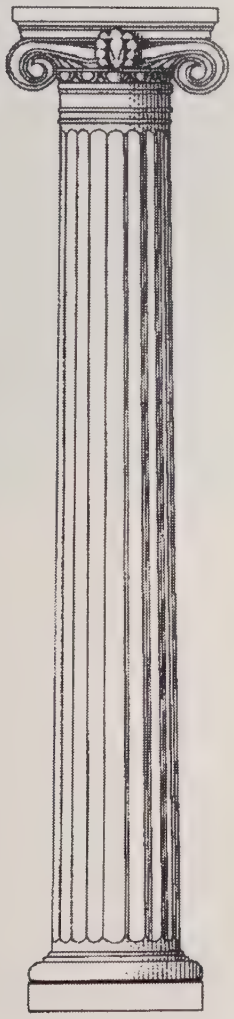


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This kitchen reconstruction project involved extensive historical, archaelogical and architectural research. The research project took several years to complete and involved a team of professionals experienced in these fields. The team followed strict museum quality standards in all areas of research and planning. The goal was to rebuild as accurate a representation of David Stone's kitchen as possible.

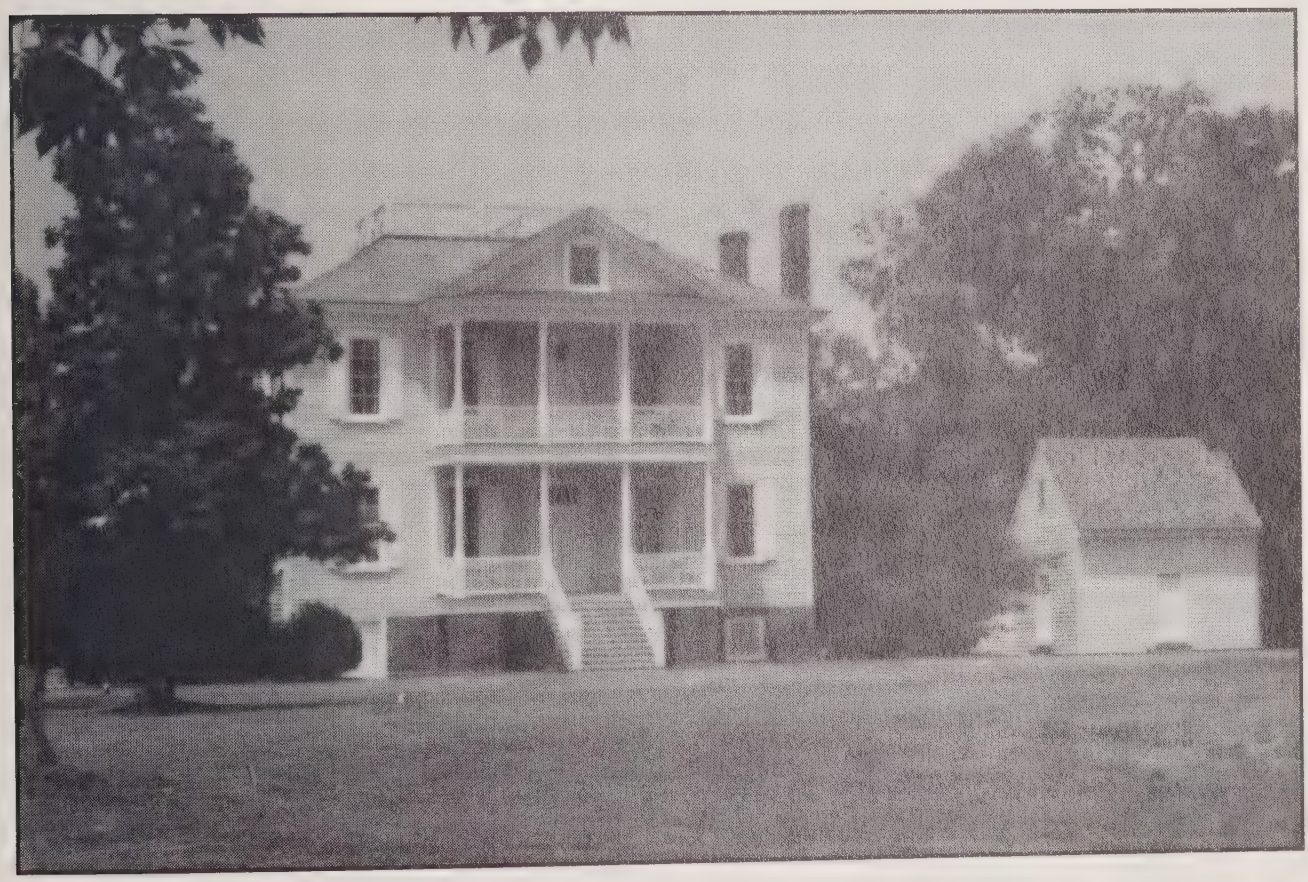
Under the guidance of Reid Thomas, restoration specialist with the state's Division of Archives and History, master builder and restorer Dean Ruedrich constructed the kitchen on its original site as documented by three earlier excavations. Paul Stevens, a historic restoration architect, and Jack Peet, third generation brick mason, planned and completed the brick-end wall, cooking fireplace, bake oven and set kettle.

The Kitchen is noteworthy for true historic representation in many areas. Archaelogical investigations revealed the large width and depth of

the original cooking fireplace. Other features were detailed from existing kitchens at Bandon and Hayes.

As most of the cooking was done on the hearth, a large hearth was necessary for household the size of David Stone's family, again the size of which was determined by the archaelogical digs at the site. There is a set kettle on one side used for heating water and a bake oven on the other side of the hearth. A crane was used to hold pots over the fire. Along one side is a dresser, a long board used for preparing food, used the same way kitchen counters are today. Shelves over the dresser held items of kitchen use.

A tour of the kitchen is included in the tours of the site.



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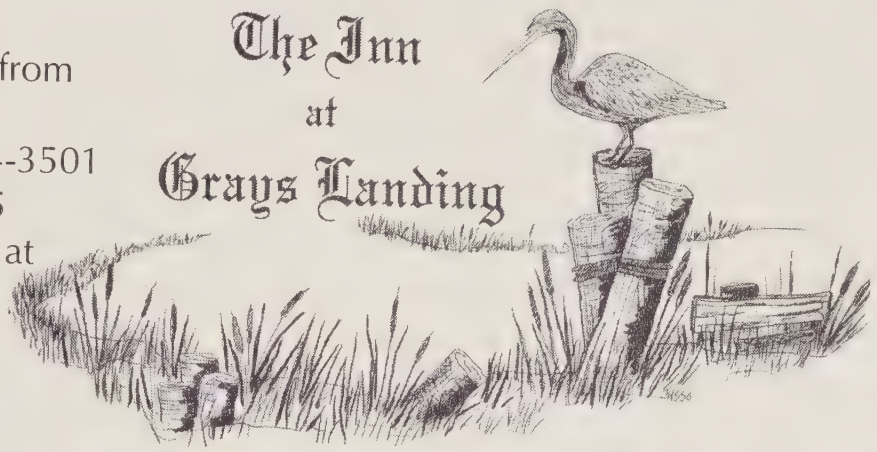
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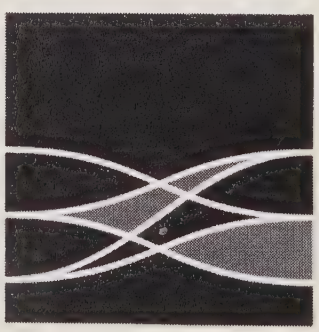
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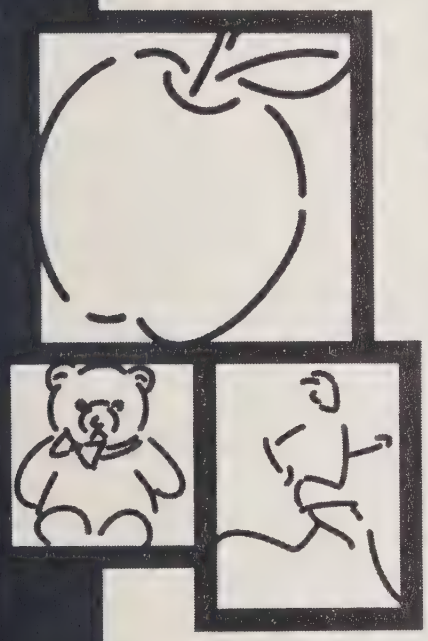
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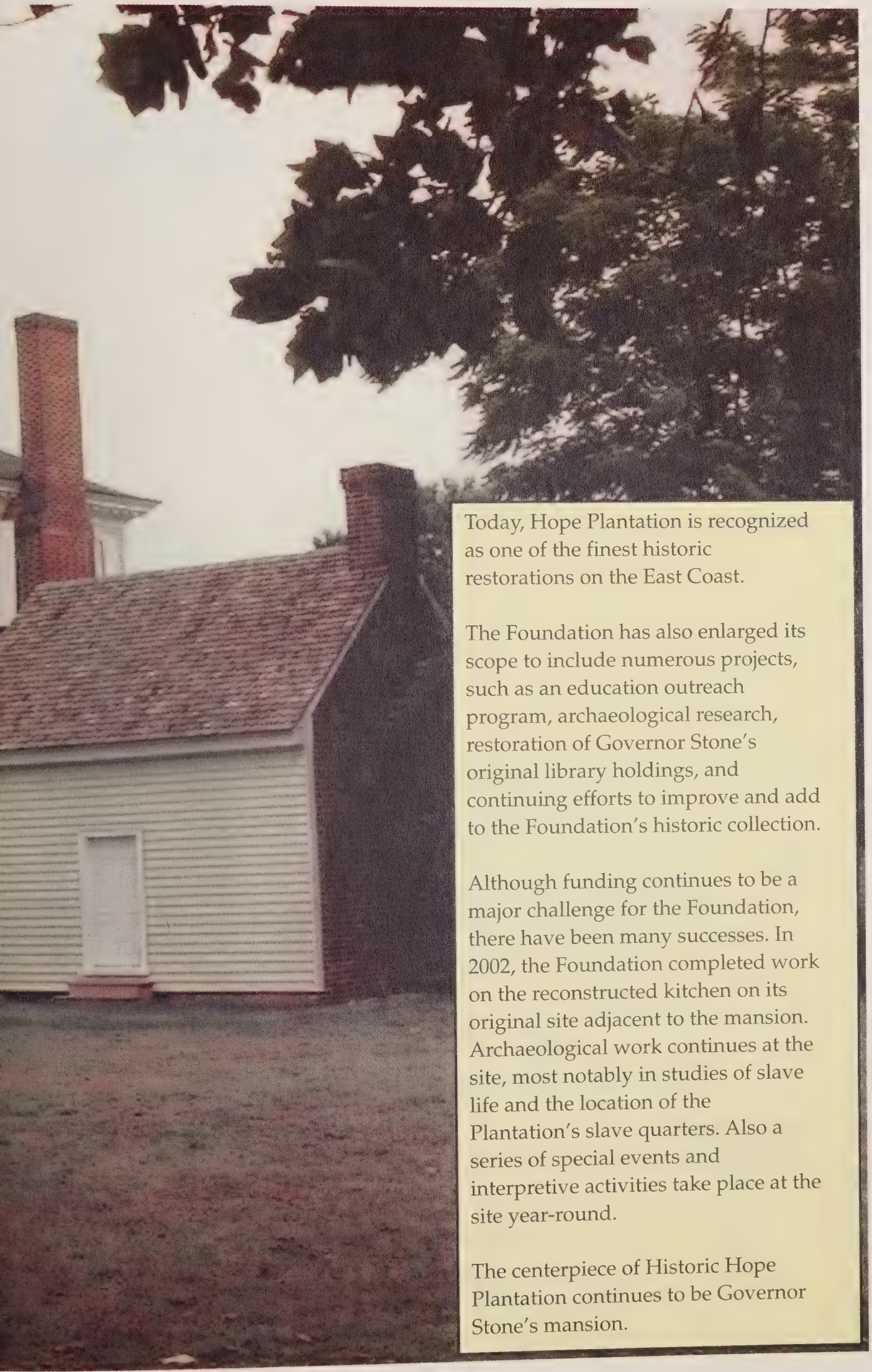
Their children and grandchildren have followed in their footsteps. Their son John serves today as president of Historic Hope foundation. Their two daughters serve as consultants to various committees, contributing especially to the collections and the library committees. Their granddaughter and her husband volunteer in many ways.

The legacy of Margaret and Jack's love for Hope continues on through the work of their family members and many friends.



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Although funding continues to be a major challenge for the Foundation, there have been many successes. In 2002, the Foundation completed work on the reconstructed kitchen on its original site adjacent to the mansion. Archaeological work continues at the site, most notably in studies of slave life and the location of the Plantation's slave quarters. Also a series of special events and interpretive activities take place at the site year-round.

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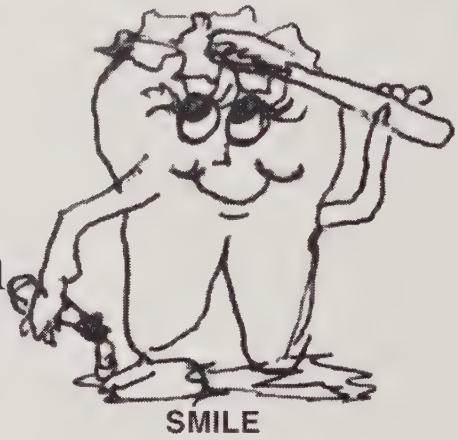
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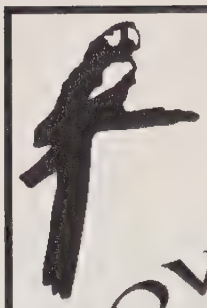




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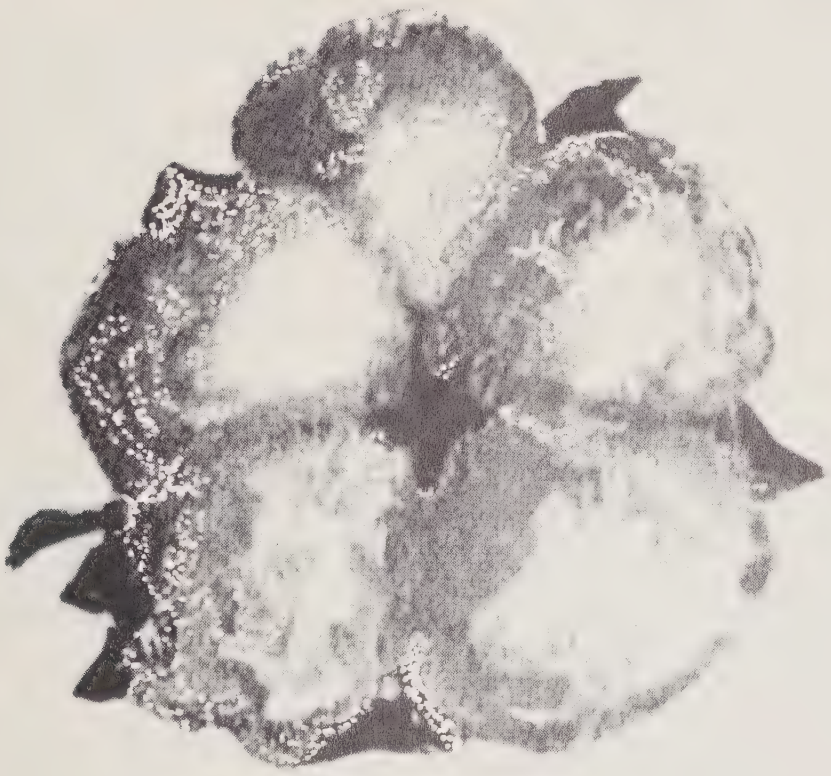
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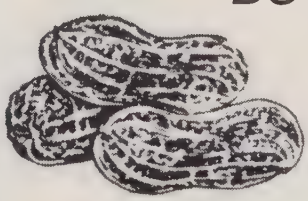
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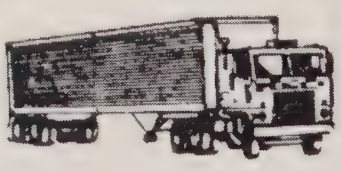
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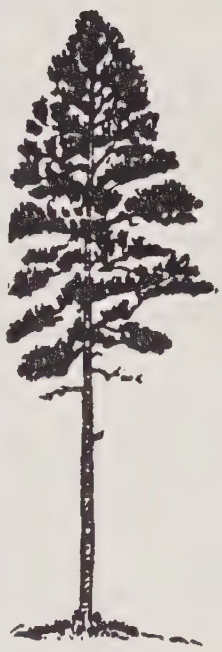
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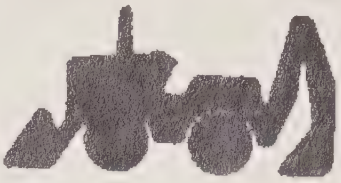
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS REVEAL EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LIFE AT HOPE



An archaeological excavation conducted near the Hope Mansion from December 2001 through April 2002 has revealed new insights into the road system and the enslaved community associated with the eighteenth century Hobson-Stone House. The investigation was conducted by Coastal Carolina Research of Tarboro and funded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Enhancement Program. The town of Windsor served as the sponsoring governmental agency.

The ca. 1803 Hope Mansion, with its grand double portico façade, faces south. In Governor David Stone's lifetime, the Halifax Road ran south (or in front) of Hope. By the publication of an 1863 Confederate Engineer Bureau map, the road (modern-day N.C. 308) had changed to its present location north of (or behind) Hope Plantation. The Hobson-Stone House, home of David Stone's parents, was adjacent to the old Halifax Road and was probably demolished around the time the Hope Mansion was built. In 1793, the elder Stones gave David the "Hope tract" as a wedding present.

The Hobson-Stone House may have been built as early as 1723. Although the excavated artifacts do not conclusively date the construction of the house, we know the Hobson family received the land grant from the Lords Proprietors between 1723 and 1725, and the Hobsons were required to build on the land in order to retain the title. The house was remodeled after 1762, as dated by excavated artifacts.

David's father, Zedekiah Stone, may have remodeled the house after he married Elizabeth Williamson Hobson (widow of Francis Hobson) in the late 1760s. Approximately one foot of fill soil was intentionally deposited in the basement in order to raise the floor level. This may have been done due to moisture problems in the cellar. The original floor of unmortared square brick tiles is intact below the fill soil.

The excavation of the house rubble revealed a thick layer of destruction debris that included few non-architectural artifacts. It

appears that usable furnishings and some brick were removed before demolition of the house. Most artifacts recovered from the Hobson-Stone house predate 1810, so bricks from this house may have been used in the ca. 1803 Hope Mansion and dependencies.

An area about 150 feet southwest of the Hobson-Stone house revealed evidence of an enslaved community. This area, and the Hobson-Stone House, appears to have been abandoned around the time that Hope was constructed. The Hope Mansion and dependencies were built on higher, drier ground. Deep plowing over the years has made it difficult to unearth nineteenth century archaeological features associated with David Stone's era.

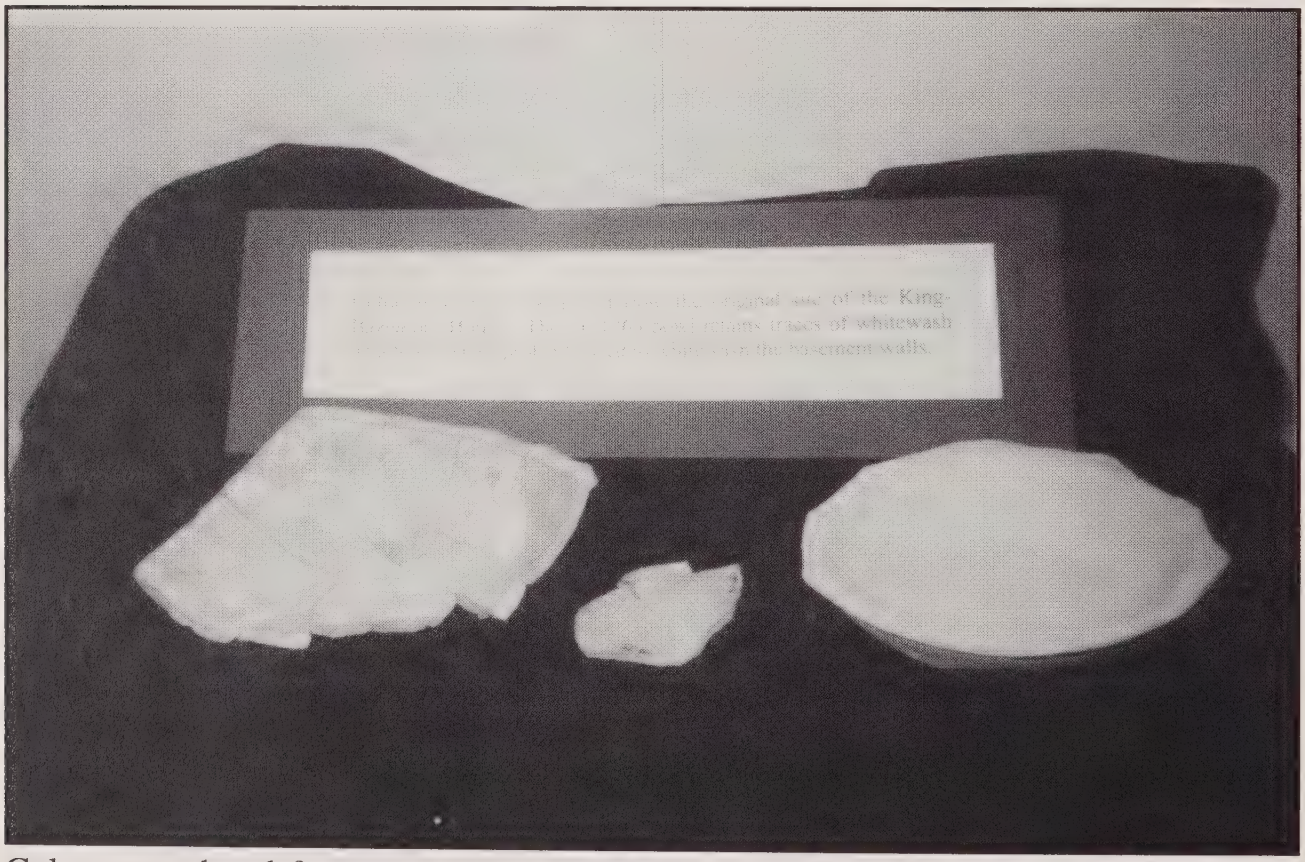
The evidence to support that an enslaved community occupied the area southwest of the Hobson-Stone house includes:

1. High percentage of kitchen artifacts.
2. High percentage of hollowware vessel fragments. (Forms more typical to serve African style dishes – bowls, pots, etc.)
3. High percentage of locally made colonoware compared to other ceramics. 54.1% of all ceramics recovered were colonoware. Other eighteenth century North Carolina sites average 10% of recovered ceramics as colonoware. Colonoware concentrations at Hope are similar to known slave quarter sites in South Carolina.
4. Personal artifacts found, such as a button and a midnight blue bead.
5. 1970 oral history accounts that a slave cabin was in this area.
6. Four out of six cultural features in this area may be associated with a mud-walled slave building although this information is inconclusive. A mud-walled cabin would be rare, but not unheard of this far north. It is more common in South Carolina.

The high concentrations of colonoware likely made by the African American community are attracting research interest from the scholarly community. Colonoware exhibits a mixture of European and African traits, often imitating English vessel forms such as bowls, plates, and even chamber pots. The manufacture technology, however, is more consistent with African ceramic tradition. These ceramics were fired at a low temperature and on a surface hearth built of stones. Colonoware is

usually found in the vicinity of slave quarters and is thought to have been produced by the slaves on or near the plantation sites. Geological testing of a modern clay source near the excavation confirms that the colonoware shards as well as some prehistoric shards found nearby are made of the same type of clay. It is probable that African Americans and Native Americans manufactured their ceramics on site.

Historic Hope Foundation is planning additional excavations to enhance our interpretation of plantation life at Hope in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Community and student involvement is an integral part of archaeological excavations at Hope. Historic investigations provide opportunities to document and understand our past, thereby strengthening the foundations upon which our present-day communities are built.



Colonoware bowl fragments excavated from thr original site of thr King-Bazemore House, four miles from Hope. The ca. 1763 bowl retains traces of whitewash which slaves probably used to whitewash the basement walls. Similar African American made colonoware was excavated near the Hobson-Stone House foundation.

The modern bowl on the right was made by archaeologist Andrew Madsen using clay found on the Hope site. Geological testing suggests that the excavated colonoware was made from the same clay source.

JOHN WHITE'S DRAWINGS OF AMERICA

John White (ca 1540 – ca 1593), a member of Sir Walter Raleigh's 1585 expedition to Virginia led the group which established the earliest English Colony on Roanoke Island. There he painted and sketched the Native Algonqian Indians as well as the animals and the landscape. The original prints are in Thomas Harriot's book, The New Found Land of Virginia.

Copies of these prints were framed and given to Historic Hope Foundation by John E. Tyler, II in honor of Harry Lewis Thompson, long time member of the Board of Directors of Historic Hope Foundation who served as President and later as Chairman of the Board.

Dirk or Theodorus DeBry, a German engraver printed a four language edition Harriot's Brief and True Report of Virginia (1590). This edition, a part of the Mary Ruth Bazemore Collection is in the Margaret Long Tyler Library at Historic Hope Foundation.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ETCHINGS BY LOUIS ORR

The North Carolina Etchings by Louis Orr were designed to portray North Carolina heritage as seen through historic buildings and sites. In addition to Mr. Orr, the artist, the man probably most responsible for this splendid art work was the late Dr. Robert Lee Humber.



Mr. and Mrs. James S. Ficklen of Greenville in October 1991 presented fifty of the prints to Historic Hope Foundation in memory of Margaret Long Tyler and in honor of John E. Tyler, II.

John L. Sanders of Chapel Hill presented one of the two etchings of the State capitol to the Foundation at a meeting of the Friends of Hope Committee. John C.P. Tyler, son of the Tylers and President of Historic Hope Foundation presented the other.

Historic Hope foundation is the proud owner of the complete set which is displayed at Hope in the Roanoke-Chowan Heritage Center.



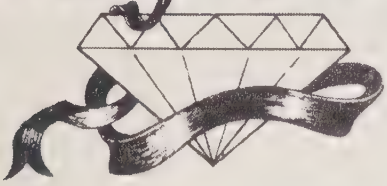
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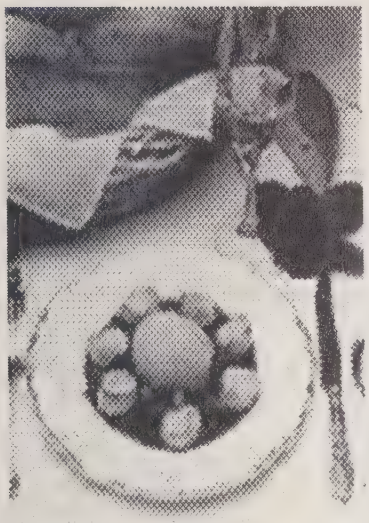
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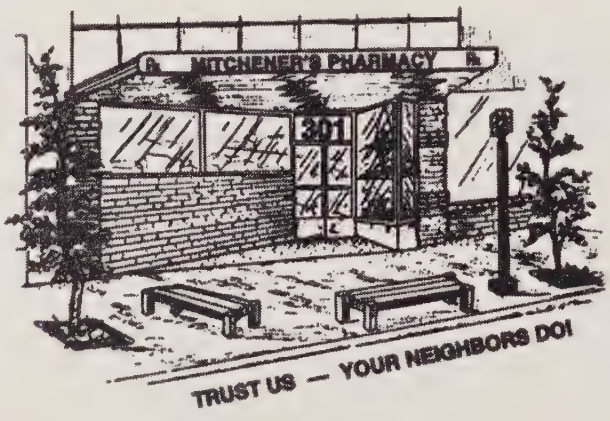
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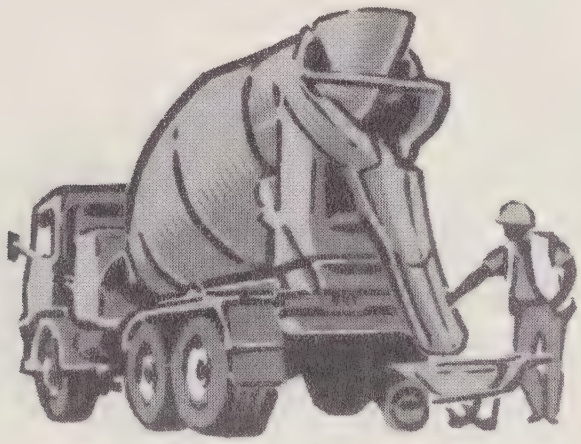
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As Viola Mitchell, Mrs. Fearnside enjoyed a forty year career as an internationally distinguished concert violinst, renowned throughout the United States and Europe. She was considered one of the world's foremost violinists until 1959 when a sudden illness left her unable to perform and abruptly ended her career.

In 1974, she and her husband George Fearnside, moved to Southern Pines where they very quickly became involved in artistic and cultural projects in their adopted state. One such project was Historic Hope Plantation which they visited with friends soon after they came to North Carolina.

A child prodigy herself, Mrs. Fearnside wanted all people to experience the joys of music. Hope's first beneficiary of her vision was the establishment of the Fearnside Musicale held every other fall in the Hope Ballroom that she recognized to be the perfect setting for the chamber music of the String Quartet of The North Carolina Symphony.

Her interest in young people being exposed to all forms of music led to the establishment of a collaboration with the students and faculty of East Carolina School of Music for a concert each spring in the Bertie County Middle School.

Together, Mr. and Mrs. Fearnside, have contributed generously to Historic Hope Foundation. They have donated numerous furnishings from their own extensive collection, and they have given generously to meet programming goals. Mrs. Fearnside's love of music will continue to benefit both young and old as a bequest was left in her estate to ensure these music programs will continue.

THE ELIZABETH STEVENSON IVES LECTURE SERIES

In 1997 Historic Hope Foundation established the Elizabeth Stevenson Ives Lecture Series. These annual lectures honor a dedicated and loyal supporter of Hope. These lectures center around David Stone, Hope Plantation, and the heritage of the Roanoke-Chowan area.

Buffie, as she wass called by her friends, was an ardent preservationist and dearly loved Hope. Whenever, she was in the area, she called her friends Margaret and Jack Tyler and had them bring her by to see the derelict house Hope had become. She was one of the first people outside the Tylers who saw the beauty underlying Hope House, as it was known then. She admonished them and encouraged them to get busy saving the building.

Mrs. Ives appeared before a joint session of both houses of the North Carolina General Assembly in an appeal for its support of the Hope restoration and recieved a standing ovation. Her support was unwavering and she spread the word wherever she went enlisting friends far and wide.

She persuaded her nephew, Senator Adlai E. Stevenson, Jr., and his wife to come from Washington to a dinner dance, a fund raiser for Hope. She chaird a very successful fund raising campaign for the purchase of many fine furnishings and lobbied her friends constantly for support for the Foundation.

Buffie Ives for many years gave her time, efforts, energy, funds and her enthusiasm to the cause of the Hope restoration. In her will she also provided a legacy for Hope. It was this financial legacy that makes possible the Ives Lecture Series - a fitting memorial to one so dedicated to Hope.

QUINQUE FELLOWSHIP GRANT

Reid Thomas, restoration specialist in the Eastern Office of the State Preservation Office, received the prestigious Quinque Fellowship in building conservation in 2002.

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The three month fellowship involved an intensive study of building conservation efforts and techniques in Scotland. From May through August, he travelled throughout Scotland and England interacting with many historic agencies. He has returned with a wealth of practical knowledge from this experience.

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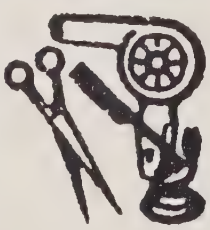
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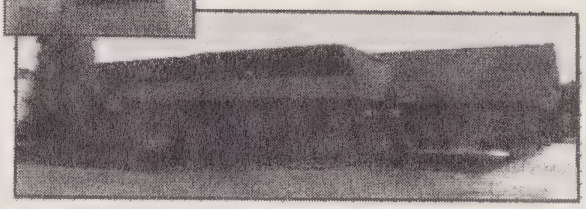
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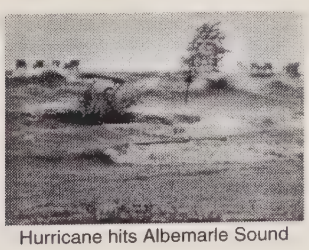
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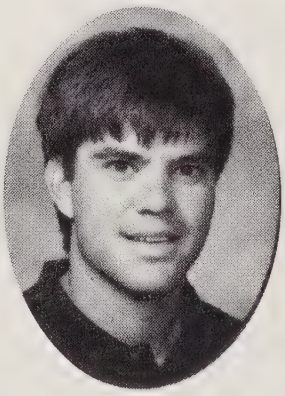
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Hope Plantation's
200th Anniversary Celebration Schedule of Events

February 2003 — African American Heritage Month

Join us as we celebrate the role African Americans play in our nation's history. Special events and interpretive events are scheduled during the month, which culminates in a celebration of African American Heritage in Bertie County on February 15.

March 27, 2003 — The Elizabeth Stevenson Ives Lecture Series

For serious historians and scholars, the annual Ives Lecture focuses on heritage, archaeology, and documentation of Hope's role in the Southern antebellum plantation society. This year's topic: "Restoration and Preservation: challenges and rewards." Registration required.

April 2003 — Education Month at Hope

One of our primary goals is to ensure that our children are educated about America's rich heritage. We are dedicating April to school children with a special schedule of events, hand-on activities, learning opportunities, and reduced admission prices for school groups.

May 3, 2003 — The 200th Anniversary Hope Gala

A tradition for the Historic Hope Foundation since 1968, this year's black-tie event promises to be the most lavish gala yet. With fine dining, dancing, and more than a few surprises, the Hope ball is the centerpiece event of the 2003 season. Come celebrate at our premiere fundraiser.

June 2003 — Homecoming at Hope

Thousands of people have played a role in the astounding history of Hope Plantation. On June 14, we invite everyone home for a celebration at the site. Special events, fun and games, and story-telling galore will make this family reunion one to be remembered. If you or someone you know is a former resident of Hope Mansion or the King-Bazemore house, or if you are a descendant of one of the original occupants, please contact us!

July 2003 — Heritage and History Camp

Our annual summer camp for kids is a week-long camp full of activities and fun for elementary school-age children.

August 2003 — 200 Years of Hope Exhibit

A great indoor activity during the heat of the summer! This special commemorative exhibit will chronicle in words and photos 200 years of Hope Plantation's and eastern North Carolina's history. Free to the public. Exhibit will run through the end of 2003.

September 19, 2003 Living History at Hope Plantation

This popular annual event is expanded this year. The past comes alive with a series of interpretative activities and events for all ages.

October 2003 "Hit One for Hope" Golf Tournament

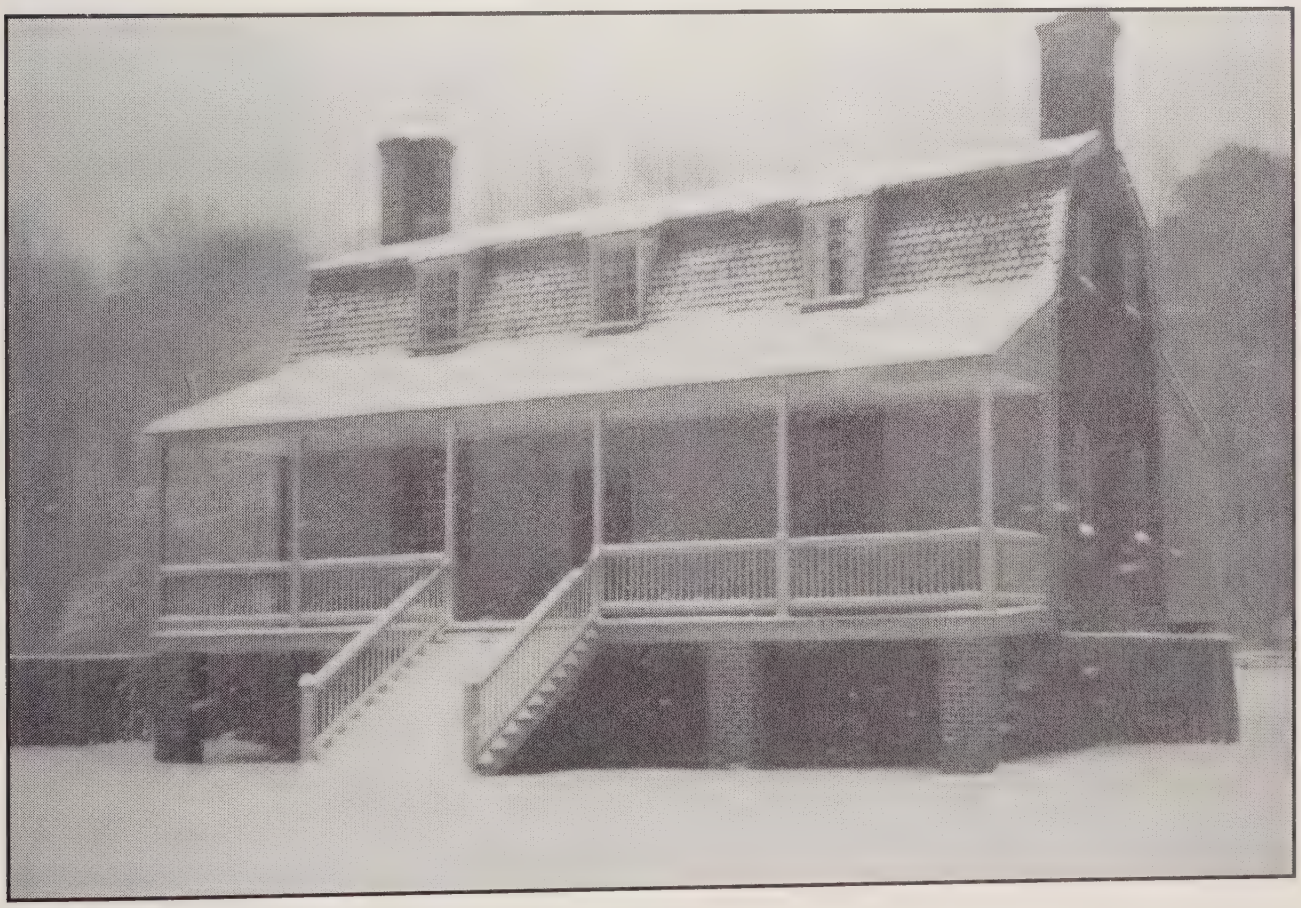
Our annual golf tournament held at Cashie Country Club is one of our most popular events. This fun day on the links followed by an awards dinner is a great way to show your support for the Historic Hope Foundation.

November 2003 The Hope Musicale

Join us for an evening of classical music as the North Carolina Symphony String Quartet performs in the drawing room of the Hope mansion. Guests will enjoy a champagne buffet served in the Roanoke-Chowan Heritage Center.

December 7, 2003 Christmas Open House at Hope

The Hope mansion, King-Bazemore House, and Roanoke-Chowan Heritage Center are spectacularly festooned to celebrate the holiday season, and we invite you to join us for this popular Christmas event. Tours, refreshments, and live music highlight this holiday event.



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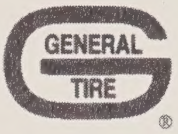
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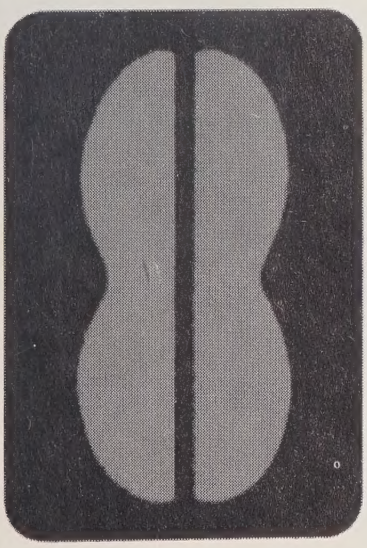
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